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In re Application of:

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ITS CONTROL METHOD, AND
EXPENDABLE ATTACHED TO
PRINTING APPARATUS AND
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

Statement Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e): Each of item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

Specifically, the listed documents were cited in a Search Report from a corresponding European patent application. A copy of that European Search Report is also enclosed for the Examiner's convenience.

Applicant submits that the listed Japanese language document may be considered relevant inasmuch as it is cited in the Search Report. In addition, for the Examiner's convenience, Applicant has enclosed herewith an English language abstract for that Japanese document. The abstract was provided by the European Patent Office.

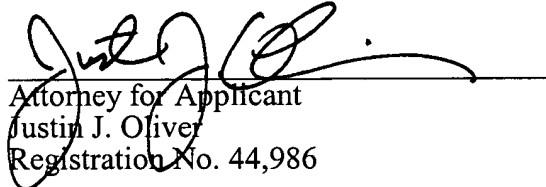
No fee is believed due in connection with this paper; however, if any fee is due, it should be charged to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate of this paper is enclosed for that purpose.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

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